HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 614 By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Patrick William Denning, 2005 Salutatorian of Columbia Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Patrick William Denning is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2005 graduating class at Columbia Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Denning has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Patrick William Denning has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to distinguishing himself as a stellar scholar, Patrick William Denning is a valuable member of the Beta Club, Pep Club, National Honor Society, Junior Classical League, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Academic team; and

WHEREAS, renowned for his affinity for hard work and his tremendous self-discipline, he has provided astute and inspired leadership as Co-Assistant Editor and Co-Editor of the Signal Yearbook, Treasurer and President of Mu Alpha Theta, Press Secretary of the National Honor Society, and as Captain of the Academic team for three years; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional young man has earned numerous accolades during his high school career, including selection to *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; he has attended the Governor's School for International Studies and the National Youth

Leadership Conference and has represented his school with pride and distinction as its Boys State Delegate and as a Youth Leadership Maury participant; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs,

Mr. Denning has received a multitude of awards, including the Library Service Award, AP

Department Award, Math Department Award, and the Yearbook Leadership Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denning's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well

for his success in college this fall and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Denning plans to participate in the Honors Program at either the University of Memphis or Saint Louis University as a pre-medicine or biology major; and

WHEREAS, evidencing a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, Mr. Denning volunteers his time and considerable talents to the National League of Junior Cotillions, Peace in Action, and the Maury Regional Hospital, and he supports several other worthy charitable and civic causes as a member of his church youth group; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Phillip and Mary Pat Denning, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Patrick William Denning's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that Patrick William Denning, 2005 Columbia Central High School Salutatorian, is hereby honored and commended on his impressive academic achievement. We extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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